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Date and Time: 25 January 1946, 1430-1630 P. M.

Place : Sugamo Prison, Tokyo, Japan

Present : Admiral Shimada, Shigetaro
John Darsey, Esq., Interrogator
T/3 Rickey Yamaguchi, Interpreter
Miss Evelyn Cordell, Stenographer

Oath of Interpreter, Administered by Mr. Darsey:

MR. DARSEY: Do you solemnly swear, by Almighty God, that you will truly and accurately interpret and translate from English into Japanese and from Japanese into English, as may be required of you, in this proceeding?

MR. YAMAGUCHI: I do.

Q. When did the program of the Greater East Asia Co-prosperity sphere evolve?

A. I think it probably started about 1938.

Q. Now, will you state as briefly as possible your conception or idea of what is meant by the Greater East Asia Co-prosperity Sphere?

A. I think this idea was very nice, because all the people of Greater East Asia would be very happy not to be run by a special country, and free from aggressive power; from other countries' financial efforts, and to bring to Greater East Asia a greater era, I think.

Q. How was that program to be accomplished? How was it expected that you would accomplish that?

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海軍大將島田繁太郎に對する質問

日支事一一九四六年一月二十五日午後一四・三〇—一六・三〇

所——日本・東京・巢鴨刑務所

出席者——海軍大將島田繁太郎

質問者——デヨン・ダールシー氏

通譯——リツキー、山口

速記者——エヴエリン・コールデル娘

通譯ノ官誓ハダールシー氏に依りて行はれた。

ダールシー氏：貴君は全能の神様に誓つて茲に於いて、貴君に要求する通り
英語から日本語に、又日本語から英語に、眞實且つ正確に、通譯しそし
て翻譯することを嚴肅に宣誓致しますか。

山口氏：承知致しました。

問：大東亜共榮圏のプログラムは何時展開されたのですか。

答：私は多分其れは一九三八年（昭和十三年）頃から始つたと思ひます。

問：大東亜共榮圏とは何を意味するのか、その事に就いて貴君の概念又は

現状を出来るだけ簡単に述べて下さい。

答：私は此の理想は非常良かつたと思ひます。何せなれば大東亜の総べての人民は、或る特徴な一國に依つて狩り立てられる事なく非常に幸運になる事が出来るであります。又侵略國から解放され、且又他の國々の財政的成果からも解放され、そして、大東亜に一つの偉大なる時代を齎らす事が出来るであらうと私は思ふのであります。

問：其のプログラムは如何にして完遂されましたか。どうして其れを完成しようとしておられたか。

答：先づ第一に我々は大東亜に邁ねく平和を持たねばならない。そして總べての國民は皆、堅忍的毅力を用ひずに、好きな通り一切の物を交換すべきであります。